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SUBJECT: UN FLASH APPEAL FOR HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN IRAQ

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[1](#)1. (U) As requested ref, refcoord contacted UN Resident Coordinator Christine McNab to ensure that UN officials in Jordan have raised the UN flash appeal with GOJ officials. McNab said that UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq Ramiro Lopes da Silva will be in Jordan April 11-13 and will brief senior GOJ officials on the appeal at that time.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Although King Abdullah on April 9 directed the GOJ "to take all necessary measures to launch a national campaign to extend humanitarian aid and secure essential medical and food supplies for the Iraqi people," we do not anticipate that this campaign will include a contribution to the UN flash appeal. Instead, the GOJ is likely to contribute in-kind medical and technical assistance. The Foreign Minister and Minister of Planning will launch the campaign later today (April 10); we will report GOJ plans septel.
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